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Division

15 Offences against government

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Description

Offences against government include offences that negatively impact the effective undertaking of government operations, including the delivery of government services and protection of national security.

This division does not include offences relating to damage of public land or government property, data theft, attacks on digital networks, assault of government representatives, or corruption within government.

Subdivision

151 Offences against national security

Description

Offences against national security are acts or omissions that threaten or diminish the effective enforcement of government operations concerned with the preservation of national security.

1511 Terrorism offences

This group is for offences relating to terrorist acts and terrorism organisation offences.

Terrorist act offences include:

- Advocating terrorism
- Being engaged in a terrorist act
- Financing terrorism, and financing a terrorist
- Planning a terrorist act
- Possessing things connected with terrorist acts
- Preparing for a terrorist act
- Receiving training connected with terrorist acts
- Training others for terrorist acts

Terrorism organisation offences include:

- Associating with a terrorist organisation
- Directing the activities of a terrorist organisation
- Getting funds to, from or for a terrorist organisation
- Membership of a terrorist organisation
- Providing support to a terrorist organisation
- Recruiting for a terrorist organisation
- Training involving a terrorist organisation

A terrorist organisation is an organisation that is engaged in preparing, planning, assisting, or fostering the doing of a terrorist act – or that the Australian or New Zealand government has formally listed as a terrorist organisation or designated terrorist entity.

Where terrorist acts lead to another offence, that offence may also be coded separately.

Inclusions:

- Conspire, prepare, or plan a terrorist act
- Donate to, or recruit for, a terrorist organisation
- Incite, foster, or commit a terrorist act

- Membership in, or association with, a terrorist organisation
- Promote a terrorist organisation
- Provide funds or other resources to a terrorist organisation
- Train others for terrorist activities
- Other terrorism offences

Exclusions:

- Consorting offences related to a criminal organisation that is not a terrorist organisation – coded to 1212 Unlawful association
- Terrorist attack causing death – coded to 0110 Murder
- Tamper with aircraft to endanger safety – coded to 0499 Harm or endanger persons, nec

1519 Offences against national security, nec

This group is for offences against national security that are not elsewhere classified.

Inclusions:

- Burn a flag
- Disclose, buy, or sell, national secrets
- Espionage against government
- Foreign incursion offences
- Foreign interference offences
- Impersonate a police officer, border security officer or justice official
- Incite or enact mutiny
- Interfere with defence force operations, where the act does not amount to terrorism
- Passport or visa fraud
- Resist or hinder a government security officer
- Resist or hinder a member of the Australian or New Zealand defence forces
- Sedition
- Treason
- Other offences against national security not elsewhere classified

Exclusions:

- Denial of service attack on a government department – coded to 0842 Unlawful harm to a digital system
- Interfere with the work of a police officer or judicial officer – coded to 1422 Resist or hinder a police officer or justice official
- Peaceful protest causing disruption to commercial activities or community services – coded to 1229 Disruptive conduct, nec
- Theft of personal data from a government organisation – coded to 0841 Privacy offences

Subdivision

152 Offences against government services

Description

Offences against government services are acts that interfere with, cause harm to, or otherwise negatively impact government services or structures, other than relating to government security. This includes offences against any level of government, and government statutory agencies or agencies that operate under government regulation.

1521 Resist or hinder a government representative

Government representatives refer to any employee undertaking their role within any level of government, excluding police, justice officials, defence force or government security officers.

This may include customs officials, emergency services workers, government service providers, and compliance officers employed by government such as parking inspectors, food safety inspectors, workplace safety inspectors, and others. It does not include workers outside the public sector.

This group excludes assault, bribery, and fraud.

Inclusions:

- Intentionally block, hinder, or otherwise prevent a government representative from undertaking a task or action required for their job
- Physically resist a government representative undertaking their job
- Prevent a government representative from entering or leaving their workplace or other location
- Refuse to follow directions of customs officials, emergency services workers, or other government representatives

- Other acts that hinder a government representative in the course of their work not elsewhere classified

Exclusions:

- Assault – coded to the relevant groups within 02 Assault
- Bribery of a government representative – coded to 0831 Bribery involving a government official
- Resist arrest – coded to 1422 Resist or hinder a police officer or justice official
- Resist or hinder a member of the Australian or New Zealand defence forces – coded to 1519 Offences against national security, nec

1522 Migration offences

Migration offences include visa offences, unlawful entry into Australia or New Zealand, and aiding unlawful entry. It excludes human trafficking offences.

Inclusions:

- Breach visa conditions
- Leave the country while owing child support
- People smuggling
- Unlawful immigration
- Unlawfully leaving the country where no other offence has occurred
- Unlawfully remove a child from the country, where the act does not constitute abduction or kidnapping
- Other migration offences

Exclusions:

- Forge a passport or visa – coded to 1519 Offences against national security, nec
- Human trafficking – coded to 0410 Human trafficking or slavery
- Registered sex offender travelling overseas – coded to 1443 Breach of sex offender requirements

1523 Voting or electoral offences

This group includes offences related to elections and voting.

Inclusions:

- Breach regulations relating to voting or elections
- Fail to register to vote in New Zealand
- Fail to vote in an Australian local, state, territory, or national election
- Illegal voter registration
- Intentional miscounting of votes
- Interference with voting or electoral processes
- Political fraud
- Provide false information to an election official
- Tampering with votes
- Theft of ballots
- Other voting or electoral offences

Exclusions:

- Use of fraudulent documentation to vote – coded to the relevant group within 081 Obtain benefit by deception

1529 Offences against government services, nec

This group is for other offences against government services that are not elsewhere classified.

Inclusions:

- Fail to return census form or other legally required surveys or forms
- Hoax calls to emergency services
- Interference with postal services
- Refusal by a public officer to perform a duty
- Other offences against government services not elsewhere classified

Exclusions:

- Intentionally provide false information to a government agency (excluding police or in court) – coded to the relevant group in 081 Obtain benefit by deception

- Tax fraud – coded to 0813 Tax offences
- Theft of electricity, gas, water, internet, or other utilities – coded to 0799 Theft, nec